

LATE BUSINESS SHEET

Report Title: Community Safety Strategy

Appendix 4 – Comments of the Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel

Committee/Sub etc. Cabinet

Item 9

Date: 18 June 2019

Reason for lateness and reason for urgent consideration

This appendix is considered urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972. That provision states *“An item of business may not be considered at a meeting of a principal council unless ... by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, the chairman of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency”*.

The Community Safety Strategy is a Policy Framework Strategy, as set out in Part three Section B, paragraph 2 a (iii) it is a constitutional requirement that Full Council approve the Community Safety Strategy. Part 4 Section 2[Developing Budget and Policy Framework] of the Constitution advises that Overview and Scrutiny and Cabinet will develop budget and policy framework proposals and recommend these to full council for adoption. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee have delegated authority to the Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel for commenting on this proposed strategy. The Panel met on 11th of June 2019 to consider and comment on this strategy and this was after the publication of the cabinet agenda and therefore these comments could not be available at the time of publication. They have now been compiled and are included below as Appendix 4 to the report and are to be considered with recommendation 3.1a)

Concurrence of the Acting Democratic and Scrutiny Services Manager to the submission of this late item of business in accordance with Part 5 Section D – Protocol for Decision-Making - Paragraph 1.4.

Appendix 4 – Comments from Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel.

Chair: Councillor Adam Jogee.

SUMMARY

- 1.1 We considered a report on the draft Community Safety Strategy 2019-23, which set out the Community Safety Partnership's approach and priorities to achieving a reduction in crime and anti-social behavior in Haringey to 2023. The Community Safety Strategy set out six outcome areas in which partnership action would be focused upon:
 - Violence and high harm crimes
 - Violence against women and girls
 - Exploitation (including child sexual exploitation, child criminal exploitation, County Lines, trafficking, extremism, and modern slavery)
 - Public confidence
 - Victims of crime and anti-social behaviour
 - Reoffending
- 1.2 We expressed deep concern about Haringey having the lowest score in relation to public confidence in the Police of any of the 33 London Boroughs. The Cabinet Member acknowledged that they were at a low ebb but reassured the Panel that the Partnership was working hard to improve this. We noted that confidence was a tricky issue, as it was based on perception as much as reality, as well as the need to ensure that interactions between the police and young people on the streets build confidence. We emphasised the role of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams in building community confidence and the importance of routine joint activities in terms of visibility and building relationships. We requested that we are kept fully briefed on what is being done to improve public confidence levels in Haringey.
- 1.3 We felt that a multi-agency approach was needed to improve confidence in policing. We requested that the Cabinet Member meet with the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, as well as with the Head of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) at MOPAC at the earliest opportunity to agree the best way forward. The Cabinet Member agreed to this request and the AD for Stronger Communities advised that officers from the VRU had come to the Community Safety Partnership and officers had also met with them on a number of other occasions, including someone from the VRU working in Haringey for a few days. We were pleased to hear that the VRU was using Haringey's Youth at Risk Strategy as an exemplar.
- 1.4 We acknowledged the six outcome areas and agreed that these were key areas of concern. We sought clarification around what role officers played in setting the MOPAC priorities. In response, the AD for Stronger Communities advised the priorities were all data-informed and there had been significant engagement across the Partnership in setting these. We noted that the priorities had remained fairly consistent over recent years.
- 1.5 In response to a question around some of the underlying causes of youth crime, we noted that the needs assessment for the Youth at Risk Strategy set out a number of

these issues. We were concerned with the fact that a number of young people at risk were also excluded from school. We also expressed concern with a high correlation with factors such as childhood trauma, mental illness and abuse.

- 1.6 We advocated that the Strategy should clearly set out how residents could engage with partners around community safety. We emphasised the role of ward panels and suggested that these needed to be higher up the agenda for the police and at a political level.

WE RECOMMEND

- I. That Cabinet note the comments of the Environment and Community Safety Panel; and
- II. Refer the Community Safety Strategy to Full Council for adoption.